## KEEPING UP FIGHT ON BRYAN AND TAFT

While Their No minations Seem Certain, Opposition Is Not Letting Up.

BITTER WAR BEING MADE ON SECRETARY

First Intimation of Agreement With Wall Street Given Out by Anti-Taft Forces-Still Declare He Will Be Beaten-Gossip as to Running-Mates.

Bitterness of Factions.

The bitterness of the Republican opposition to Secretary Tatt is a distinct and most striking feature of the campaign. The first information that Democratic correspondents had concerning the agreement reached between from the Allied managers, A statement commanding this ween from anti-Tatt headquarters in this city, said to be from the pen of former Senator William E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, who wrested the presidency from Samuel J. Tilden in 1876, emphasizes the charge that the Taft managers have "procured the assistance of the captains of predatory wealth" in the effort to push their candidate over the line, "Procured the assistance of the captains of predatory wealth" in the effort to push their candidate over the line, "Procured the assistance of the captains of predatory wealth" in the effort to push their candidate over the line, "Procured the assistance of the captains of predatory wealth" in the effort to push their candidate over the line, "Procured the assistance of the captains of predatory wealth" in the effort to push their candidate over the line, "Procured the assistance of the captains of predatory wealth" in the effort to push their candidate over the line, "Procured the assistance of the captains of predatory wealth" in the effort to push their candidate over the line, "Procured the assistance of the captains of predatory wealth" in the effort to push their candidate over the line, "Procured the assistance of the captains of predatory wealth" in the effort to push their candidate over the line, "Procured the assistance of the captain the lock of the bear hand one of the beat-known men in the county, killed himself accidentally by shooting this afternoon. The procured the assistance of the captain the control of the bear the bear of a valuable tract containing 75 acres of land. After hearing representatives of the friender and the lock of the State School for Deaf and Blind.

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popular sentiment which is not surging for Secretary Taft, and Harrison in 1892—nominated by the offisceholders and beaten by the people. Seward had two-thirds of the delegates to the convention in 1800 pledged. Blaine was within twenty-six votes of a nomination on the first ballot in 1876—nearor than Secretary Taft will be.

## Machine-Made Product.

"The fatal weakness of the Taft can-

Warned Awny from Water, Went Back and Fell In.

Playing beside the river bank yesterday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock. Tex Norman Smith, a small white boy, till lacking two days of his ninth irthday, fell into the water and was irthday, evidently being caught on ome obstruction in the bed of the state of the sta

## FOUND DEAD IN BED

## FOUR MEN ESCAPE JAIL

Man Wanted in Tenuessee Fatally Shot in New Mexico.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BRISTOL, VA., May 23.—East Tennessee relatives have been advised of the killing of Filmore Greer, a former East Tennesseean, in a duel with a detective in New Mexico. Greer was wanted at Mountain City, Tenn., on a charge of having obtained a large sum of money under false pretense, and there was a reward of \$400 for him. Greer wounded the detective before receiving the fatal shot. ceiving the fatal shot.

## GREAT GATHERING STATE T.P.A. HEAD

President of the State Convention.

## MARTINSVILLE TO GET **NEXT ANNUAL MEETING**

Bids, but Henry County Town Wins-Majority Vote to Make Unit Rule at National Conven-

## GOES TO NEWPORT NEWS

from the pen of the Mampshire, who wrested the presidency from Samuel J. Tilden in 1876, emphasizes the charge that the Taft managers have "procured the assistance of the captains of predatory wealth" in the effort to push their candidate over the line. The statement says, and it should be borne in mind, that this comes from men who will have to support the nomine of the Chicago convention:

"History will repeat itself at Chicago. No pre-convention favorite ever won a nomination for President in a Republican convention since the founding of the party, excepting William McKinley, and back of him was a tidal wave of popular sentiment which is not surging for Secretary Taft, and Harrison in for Secretary Taft, and Harrison in S It is on the public road and close to the Hampton Institute and the ship yards. Altogether, the site is con-sidered ideal for such an institution

## WOULD NOT GIVE FIGURES

"The fatal weakness of the Taft candidacy is that it is an absolutely machine-made product, not vitalized by popular sentiment. Its band-wagon is loaded down with men who will jump over the wheel the moment the vehicle shows a sign of stalling; and the sign is in sight.

"The Chicago convention will make a nomination not a product of intimidation, not a result of cowardice on the part of party leadership, not involving the surrender of party prospects in 100 congressional districts and a dozen Northern and Border States, and not imposing upon the Republican party the necessity of proving that the surport of predatory wealth has not been secured for the Taft candidacy at the sacrifice of the policies which the progressive wing of the Republican party has been led to believe it represents."

While it must be admitted that the anti-Taft people are able to make a strong showing of reasons why Secre.

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# IN OLD CHARLOTTE

and Cheer Daniel and Tucker.

## LATTER THROWN FROM BUGGY IN RUNAWAY

Richmond and Norfolk Make, Gubernatorial Candidate Has a Narrow Escape - Confederate Veterans Hear Lame Lion and Former Congressman on Court ø Green.

Carried a Bond. Captain Frank B. Watkins brought up from Richmond a colored band of sevon pieces, and good music was fur-nished at frequent intervals. This was augmented during the exercises on the square by Confederate songs sung by a choir of many voices, and every feature of the entertainment contributed to its beauty and harmony.

Universal regret was expressed that

Governor Swanson was unable to come as he had been advertised and giver as ne had been advertised and given
a prominent place on the program.
Senator Daniel came up from Richmond this morning, and accompanying
him were Major Miles M. Martin, Captain Frank B. Watkins, Mr. H. A. Marshall and Professor J. W. Eggleston.

Mr. Tucker joined the party at Keys-ville, where a large number of citizens boarded the train to attend the speak-

Mayor R. W. Jones, Colonel Thomas Mayor R. W. Jones, Colonel Thomas W. Scott and Messrs, George B. Russell and J. C. Carrington were active in assisting the ladies in their work, and some of the prominent citizens of the county present were Hon. Berkley D. Adams, Hon. J. D. Shepperson, Colonel James Lyons and Major R. V. Gaines. Gaines.

The dinner, which was spread on The dinner, which was spread on long tables out under the trees after the speaking was a most enjoyable affair, and though thousands were fed, it was by no means upon five loaves and three fishes, for when it was over there were boxes and baskets of good things that had not been opened. Loyal to the Cause.

No county in this section sent more soldiers to the front considering population than did old Charlotte, and nowhere in the South does there dwell a

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WEATHER.

## GREAT FIGHT OVER SALE OF LIQUOR

South Boston Man Chosen Two Thousand People Greet People of North Carolina to Vote Next Tuesday on Question of Prohibition.

## VICTORY IS CLAIMED BY THE DRY FORCES

Anti-Prohibitionists Less Posi tive in Claims, but Hopeful of Winning-Closing of Campaign That Will Be Memorable in

Confederate Veterans, 100 strong, folists claim, and will be due entirely to Confederate Veterans, 100 strong, followed by a long line of ununiformed the failure of many who really opposed veterans from various sections in the county. There were a number of handsomely decorated floats, particularly noticeable among which were two filled with beautiful young girls clad in pure white. Many carriages appeared in the parade, in which were prominent citizens and invited guests.

Carried a Band.

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## Where Fight Is Warmest.

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The general campaign work for and against prohibition has been pretty evenly distributed throughout the State, the local managers in one and another of the sections working up greater deagrees of activity. For instance, Wilmington, Salisbury, Winston-Salem and other points where there are saloons or dispensaries have become special "storm centres." And in some others, including Raleigh, Charlotte, Asheville and Greensboro, there will be unusual activity at the poils.

State Chairman Oates is advised that the prohibitionists will have processions, refreshment booths and other demonstrations by women and children in Salisbury, Asheville, Charlotte and some other points. In Raleigh the women workers have arranged to hold prayer services during the day. Nearly all the members of a young men's prohibition club propose to spend practiceally the whole day at the polls, working for votes.

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Asked as to the situation to-day, State Chairman Oates, of Fayetteville, who has devoted practically four months to the direction of the campaign, without any compensation for his services, said the State prohibition campaign managers expect prohibition majorities in every one of the ten congressional districts of the State, and that, remarkable as it might seem, the most overwhelming majorities were expected to come from the Ninth and the Tenth (the mountain) Districts.

He says that while the State Campaign Committee has been distributing the effort throughout the State pretty evenly, local interests have kindled special contentions in a number of the towns, and the hardest contests are probably Wilmington. Salisbury and Winston-Salem, with some others in lesser proportions. He claims that all three of these points will be carried for prohibition in that while certain

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## NOT READY TO ADJOURN

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Captain Sally Tompkins, one of the two women who held commissions as officers in the Confederate Army, renowned for her generosity and for her bravery through the War between the street last Thursday morning.

Passing the residence of Colonel Burford, on Laurel Street, Captain Tompford, on Laurel Street

## JOHNSON TAKES FIRST HIGH DIVE

Turns Backward Somersault While the Hotel Guests Cheer Clever Work.

## NOT CERTAIN BRYAN HAS SAFE MAJORITY

Party Needs a Winner, He Declares, Platform Being More Important Than the Man.

Taft's Chances Hurt by the Force

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[Special to The Crumpacker bill, 'said the Governor, 'seems to be an attempt to revive the old Force Bill, which so bitterly intensified the feeling between morning at S o'clock, while David H. Democrats. Fair-minded Republicans, and one of the most progressive farm as well as practically all Democrats in the North condemn any such effort, which appears on its face to have been put on as a rider to divert attention from the bill to require political parties to make public the names of their big campaign contributors. I do